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This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) includes the same references as the IDS filed on November 28, 2001, which was not considered by the Examiner. Since these references were timely filed before the first Office Action, it is believed that no fees are due.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents

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A copy of the German Office Action citing the references is also enclosed.

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DE 198 46 509 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose a method for producing a printing form.

DE 198 45 711 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose exposure device for printing plate blanks.

DE 196 24 441 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,070,528 disclose a process and device for gravure printing.

DE 196 24 394 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,832,821 disclose a driven cylinder.


DE 43 41 246 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose a device for handling sleeves on cylinder.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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